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End The Flight From Responsibility

AT A TIME when flight from responsibility marks Dixie's racial troubles, Judge Fred B. Helms' plea for moderate community leadership from both whites and Negroes is particularly appropriate. More than that, it reflects a public necessity.
The creation of a bi-racial community council composed of representatives of leading civic and professional groups, as recommended by Judge Helms, is the logical first step.
Charlotte and the South are to avoid a dark age of chaos and confusion, more and better sounding boards for responsible community sentiment must be provided. Furthermore, leadership and understanding must be established between reasonable men and women of both races.
Mecklenburg County already has a human relations council in operation but its scope is unfortunately too narrow. What is needed today is a broad-based group with representatives from all important sources of community leadership. Carefully organized and conducted, such an organization could be a safe-

Conflict Of Interest: Double Standard

APPOINTED officials of the United States government must scrupulously avoid conflicts of interest between their public services and private business which are not elected officials?
Many a businessman has risked his good name on Washington's high and windy places and lived to regret it because of real or imagined conflicts of interest.
Yet a representative, a senator, the vice president and even the President himself need not worry. They are beyond the rule book's reach. Their actions are guided by no set code of ethics or of law. Behavior which would land a Cabinet officer or a minor bureaucrat in serious trouble would, in an elected official, be the subject of little or no concern.
This lack of logic in the treatment of conflicts of interest has attracted the attention of Sam Leisberger (D-Ore.). He has rightly pointed out that "the little folks have got to live up to the highest standards, but there are no holds barred at the top of the heap."
Laws governing the matter ought to be adjusted to reality. It is ridiculous for double standards to prevail. The Eisenhower administration has produced any number of cases where federal appointees have been accused of conflict of in-

terest. Harold E. Talbot's resignation as secretary of the Air Force was forced in 1955 as a result of this most sensitive instance during the President's first term. But others, rightly or wrongly, have had to share the glare of publicity when their "interests" were subjected to the stern and self-righteous scrutiny of Congress. They include Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson; Mark W. Cross, former chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission; Deputy Secretary of Defense Reuben E. Robertson; Peter A. Strobel, former commissioner of public buildings for the General Services Administration; John C. Clay, a former WOC (worker without compensation) for the National Production Authority of the Department of Commerce, et al.

But if it is wrong for appointed officials to serve two masters it is not just as wrong for an elected official?

Time To Fight

FOR the best editorial judgment on student meales following football games, we cite the contribution of Charlottean Wally Kuralt in the DAILY TAR HEEL: "The time to protect the goalposts," he wrote, "is during the game."

Frost, Fall And A Full Paint Bucket

THE schools, we suppose and hope, are still telling two stories about autumn. It takes two stories to make the transformation of a green world into landscapes gaudy with color.
The first grade teacher used to say the miracle was wrought by an exceptionally nimble fellow named Jack Frost who sped about the globe painting trees one by one with his paint bucket. By way of proof, she put a picture of Frost on the blackboard and exhibited bits of his handiwork she'd plucked from a nearby tree. And then, in memory serves, she led her squeaky-voiced charges in a song praising Frost for talent and abilities more wondrous than those of Mighty Mouse.
This was all right for first graders, the fifth grade teacher said, but really not very scientific—the adult explanations required by fifth graders. Frost, he implied, was a bird conjured up far for the benefit of unanalytical kindergarteners.
Now, to get down to the facts, the hickory turns yellow, the gum red and

the dogwood orange because of a chemical change within the leaf. Chlorophyll, the substance that makes the green, simply breaks down. Some goes into tree trunks and roots. Other parts of the substance remain in the leaf and with other elements in the leaf—minerals, sugars and acids—becomes visible through chemical change. Frost can affect the onset and duration of natural techniques, but with or without frost the color would come. And now, the teacher said, if you will follow me into the laboratory we will examine into the chemical facts more closely.
Seeing the beginning of the transformation in the dogwood tree the other day, we thought about these two stories of autumn told in school. We decided that if the fifth grade teacher had the facts on his side, the first grade teacher had the truth on hers.
Autumn color can be explained in the laboratory. But to achieve takes the miraculous work of a spirit speeding about the globe splashing color out of a bottomless paint bucket.

TODAY'S KIDS MISS A LOT OF FUN

DO KIDS have as much fun as they used to? If so, they aren't showing as much originality as the depression generation.
Now they play good and bad spacemen... And good and bad cowboys and Indians... And good and bad cops and robbers... And they sit endlessly in front of the TV... But do today's kids do anything else?
What happened to Territory that grand old game played with a jackknife?... What happened to all those homemade wooden guns that shot strips of invertebrate... or to tree houses?... or to packing case club houses in empty lots... or roller skates hockey? We guess the stress of modern living has squelched such joys.
We can't give knives to the little kiddies, they may carve up their playmates. And we can't let them play in the street (even though they'd rather)—too many cars. There aren't many more vacant lots in the city for club houses. Tubelike tires have wrecked the supply of inner tubes even if the kids did make wooden guns. So there they sit, disintegrator in hand... or there they sit, eyes glued to the TV while the games of yesterday have mostly vanished.
What about the girls—what are they

doing these days? We assume dressing up in mommy's clothes, holding tea parties and penny parties and playing house will never go out of style. And we still see evidences of hopscotch on the sidewalk and little groups of girls playing jacks on porches. But whatever happened to those wonderful sidewalk and grass games—statues, devil on the sidewalk, jump rope, giant step. And those economical indoor pastimes of depression days—making homemade paper dolls, cutting movie stars' pictures from papers and magazines and putting them in old macarons with paste made of flour and water?
Those quaint old pastimes may seem pretty crude to today's kids who know a dozen ways to play "Bang! You're dead!" and a dozen ways to set dolly's real imitation hair... but we bet we had more fun.

It's easier for a man to consult his wife before he buys her a birthday present than to make her change it afterward.—GREENVILLE (S. C.) PRIDEMONT.

Even if a woman's diked out in a rayon dress, orlon coat and nylon stockings, she can still pull the wool over a man's eyes.—GASTONIA GAZETTE.

U.S. Needs Third, Fourth, Fifth And Sixth Party

People's Platform
Editors, The News: Charlotte
THE OLD Guard Republicans don't like Ike anymore. The southern segregationists don't like Ike or the northern liberal Democrats. The northern liberal Democrats don't like Ike, the Republican Old Guard or the southern segregationists. The "liberal" wing of the Republican Party doesn't like the northern liberal Democrats, the Republican Old Guard or the southern segregationists. The Negroes organized labor and the Catholics can't seem to make up their mind.

It's not just a third party that we need. It's a third, fourth, fifth and sixth party. Then maybe we could keep things straight.
What the Little Rock situation has done is to bring to the attention of a French Republic what here in the U.S. I wonder who will be our first "coalition premier" and how long will it last.—JUSTIN CARTER

A Newspaper Week Salute From Scouting

Florence, S. C. Editors, The News: THE Boy Scouts of the Pee Dee Area Council salute you as you observe National Newspaper Week. We in Scouting are most appreciative for the outstanding work you do in your paper is making to this area.
The service you have rendered Scouting and other worthwhile organizations has played a vital role in the forward movement of our country.
It is our wish that you will have many more years of successful operation.—W. E. STALLWORTH, Scout Executive, Pee Dee Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Salute To The Press From Public Libraries

Raleigh Editors, The News: EVERY week is Newspaper Week, but this one in particular is being celebrated by libraries and others as National Newspaper Week.
The theme "Your Newspaper Service has never been more appropriate than it is now. Newspapers have more information to share and are doing the most comprehensive job yet."
On behalf of the North Carolina State Library and the public library system of this state, I salute you for your contribution to the American way of life and thank you for your support of another agency which seeks to provide materials for an informed citizenship.—LIBRARY STATE LIBRARIAN ELIZABETH B. TUGHEY

The Challenge Came From The Near East

Charlotte Editors, The News: IT might I came Over the radio, from the eastern Mediterranean area, Near Easterners dropped the question in the president's lap: Why do you not go and live with the colored people? He could afford to ignore a southern governor's challenge to help Negroes secure work at Gettysburg on his farm. A year's time brought an answer. How many thousands are employed on that Gettysburg farm, and how many are Negroes?
The United States is the only great nation fanatical and foolish enough to have freed its slaves by a great war. The then backward Brazil freed its slaves peacefully, only eleven years after the last federal bayonet was called out by the South by a president approving enough to see a nation growing decent again after a decade of New Orleans. David Ben-Gurion, who has been freed by an educational program before the end of the century. Northern Tariffites and Southern Slaveryists, a sensible majority into Civil War. Leonidas Polk, the great proponent, a cousin of the president, was engaged in educational anti-slavery work before being called to make the slaveocrat Grant show his heels at Columbia, Ky.

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Draw Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

TEL AVIV IN ORDER to see what could be done to bridge the Valley of Hate between the Arabs and Israel, I went to the Valley of Hate. I met David Ben-Gurion. I found him at the Hotel Sharon where he was spending a few days bathing in the Mediterranean.
Mrs. Ben-Gurion, who was raised in Bialystok and whom everyone in Israel met by her first name, "Paula," met me in the hotel corridor.
Ageless Leader
"You want to see the old man?" she said, and escorted me into his room. It was the same hotel room I had occupied last year. The Prime Minister, now 71, did not look old. He had been doing yoga exercises on the beach and at that moment was reading a thick volume of Greek philosophy as part of his vacation relaxation.
Match-Making
Ben-Gurion was interested in the fact that I had been to Syria and peppered me with questions. About I interrupted the questions to remark deadpan: "How are you getting along with your

plan to marry Mrs. Golda Meir to King Hussein of Jordan."
Mrs. Meir, foreign minister of Israel, is in her sixties, a lady of stern, unsmiling dignity. She is a notorious playboy and ladies' man, is 23.
"Where did you hear that?" gasped the astonished Prime Minister.
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'It's all over the Arab world,' I replied, still deadpan. "That you're trying to make peace with the Arabs by playing Cupid for King Hussein and Mrs. Meir. I'm planning to write a big story on it."
"But the King is still married," shot back Ben-Gurion, catching the joke and breaking into one of his broad, contagious smiles.
Fear Of Israel
The rest of the interview was deadly serious. Reporting on my trip through the Arab states, I told Ben-Gurion that every Arab leader I met raised the same age problem, and everyone also expressed genuine fear of the Israeli Army.
"Are you sure it is fear?" Ben-Gurion replied. "I think it is also the desire to destroy Israel. They use the excuse of fear to nurture the desire to destroy us.

If they are afraid, then why don't they sit down with us and negotiate a nonaggression pact?" he continued. "Let us have a treaty of friendship and peace. We are ready at any time."
I told Ben-Gurion that while extremist Arabs would never rest until Israel was destroyed, I had met more moderate Arabs who knew Israel was here to stay. They felt that if he made the gesture of letting the refugees come back, only a handful would come.
Migration
"Our whole problem," he said, "is migration. We are working to take care of people from all over the world, and I am afraid we shall have to take care of many more."
Too Crowded
If Israel ever ceases taking in immigrants, then our reason for being ceases. People migrate to the United States to better themselves. They migrate here because they want to live in Israel. If we cut off the people who want to come here we lose our reason for being."
It was plain from Ben-Gurion's answer that Israel would be too crowded to handle Arab refugees.

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"You Think Modern Republicanism's Bad? Listen!"

and appealed to the government for funds. From the older people I have heard of the threat of a northern governor to meet the pathetic pilgrims at his state's border, and with Galling guns! Encourage your people, Mr. President, to wipe out that shame by present honor.

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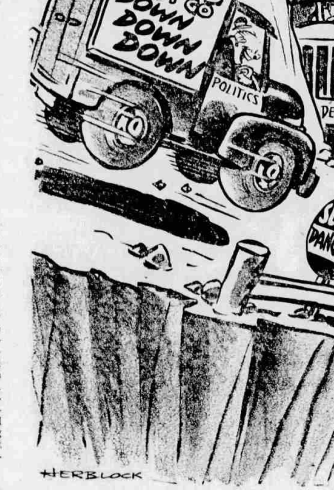
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driven ministers' new-found altruism before I have called attention to the word "Blood" not being in the Greek Acts 17:29 so much used by the miscegenationists. Furthermore, a local minister was right more nearly than his critics in his use of the word "neither Jew nor Greek." I hope this will never happen again.
—JATANA MULLIS, Harding Student

Don't Close Gate After Cows Gone

Charlotte Editors, The News: MATTHEWS YOUR sports editors and some others have tried to whitewash the shameful and brutal fight at the Harding-Myers Park game. Mr. Bechtold's committee has done a fine job, saying they hope to come up with a solution in 30 days. After four more weeks of football and the season about completed.
This committee also said it was impossible to place the blame on either side. Certainly, none of this committee saw the affair.
It's naive to close the gate after the cows have gone, but haven't we got the "gate" any more to seek out and punish the guilty?
—MARVIN F. HARRIS

Behind Every Effect There Is A Cause

Raeford Editors, The News: BEHIND every "effect" there is a "cause." At Little Rock, Ark., only the "symptoms" are being treated. The "cause" is what needs treatment. Remove the cause and the symptoms would soon disappear.
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